

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

METHOD FOR CONDUCTING A CONTEST USING A NETWORK

the specification of which was filed on June 15, 2000 and assigned Serial No. 09/594,651;

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and

I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE

I hereby claim provisional priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified any provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

This application is a Continuation-In-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/568,754 (Atty Dkt No. PHLY-24,916), filed May 11, 2000 and entitled "METHOD AND

SYSTEM FOR CONDUCTING A CONTEST USING A NETWORK", which is a Continuation-In-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/378,221 (Atty Dkt No. PHL Y-24,669), filed August 19, 1999 and entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE", which is a Continuation-In-Part of the following two pending U.S. Patent Applications: Serial No. 09/151,471 (Atty Dkt No. PHL Y-24,397), filed September 11, 1998 and entitled, "METHOD FOR INTERFACING SCANNED PRODUCT INFORMATION WITH A SOURCE FOR THE PRODUCT OVER A GLOBAL NETWORK", and Serial No. 09/151,530 (Atty Dkt No. PHL Y-24,398), filed September 11, 1998 and entitled, "METHOD FOR CONTROLLING COMPUTERS THROUGH A RADIO/TELEVISION COMMUNICATION HUB".

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's Signature: _____

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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS --
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am an official of the small business concern identified below and am empowered to act on behalf of the concern:

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I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 (d), for purposes of paying reduced fees, in that (1) the number of employees of the concern including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons, and (2) the concern has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the below-identified invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor if the person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or as a nonprofit organization. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that exclusive rights to the invention have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled
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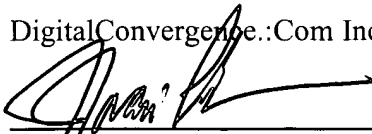
and for which application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed on June 15, 2000 and assigned Serial No. 09/594,651 by inventor(s), Jeffry Jovan Philyaw.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small business entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. § 1.29 (b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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